(*b*) whether every such school has a sewing mistress;

(*c*) if not the reason for not having appointed sewing mistresses in those schools and

(*d*) whether the Government have decided to fill all these places at least from the beginning of the next academic year?.

Minister for Education Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai)**:

(*a*) 517.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question is under consideration.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (c) above.

SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY

*872. [51] **Sri. M. I. Paul**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education Labour and Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(*a*) How far the present secondary education scheme has progressed;

(*b*) The number of private managements that have fully accepted the scheme and also the number of those that have not accepted the same;

(*c*) The total number of educational institutions managed by private parties in the State without grant from the Government; and with grant from the Government.

(*d*) Whether the Government have received representations from any section of the people protesting against the new education policy; if so what action has been taken in the matter and are the Government aware whether any such representations have been made to the Central Government?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai)**:

(*a*) It has made satisfactory progress.

(*b*) 511 Managers have fallen in line with the scheme.
414 remain to join.

(*c*) The information is being collected.

(*d*) Certain representations have been received. As all the relevant aspects were considered before the introduction of the scheme, the representations did not call for any immediate action.

This Government are aware that a few representations were made to the Central Government also.

LAND ASSIGNMENT TO WORKERS

*873. [53] **Sri. M. I. Paul**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government intend to assign land to the workers of the Government salt Depot at Malipuram; if so when and if not the reasons for the same?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan)**: No. Lands leased to the workers were transferred by them to others. The lessees did not conform to the terms of the leases. Government do not therefore propose to give them more lands. Moreover, the working of the salt depots is a central subject. The State Government are not directly concerned in it at present.

DISTRIBUTION OF YARN

*874. [55] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Supplies be pleased to state:

(*a*) Is it a fact that there is acute shortage of cotton yarn for the use of handloom weavers in the State; and if so, the steps the Government have taken to remedy the same;

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(*b*) whether the Cochin Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., is given the wholesale and retail license for the distribution of yarn in Parur and Chennamangalam;

(*c*) whether there have been complaints from the weavers of Parur and Chennamangalam in the present distribution system of yarn?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes. Representations have been made to the Government of India to increase the State's quota.

(*b*) Yes., but certain other societies have also been given licences for retail sales.

(*c*) Yes.—that the quota is insufficient.

SUPPLY OF FUEL

*875. [56] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the public of Trichur, Irinjalakuda and Ernakulam for the supply of fuel from the Forest Department at reasonable rates;

and (*b*) what steps, if any, have the Government taken in that direction?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements have been made to divert sufficient quantities of firewood from the Fuel coupes to Ernakulam, Trichur and Irinjalakuda by purchasers. This is to ensure that Fuel is made available at reasonable rates for the consuming public.

SALES TAX ON TOBACCO

*876. [57] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have received protests against the present system of calculating sales-tax on tobacco articles in the State; and if so, their nature;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken steps to redress the said grievances;

(*c*) whether the Department is now levying sales-tax on tobacco articles at the rate of 3 pies per rupee over and above the rate of 4 annas in the rupee; and

(*d*) what is the amount of sales-tax levied up-to-date on tobacco articles at the rate of 4 annas in the rupee?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John):** (*a*) No protests have been received about the system of calculation.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The levy of 3 pies in the rupee in respect of tobacco has since been abolished.

(*d*) This can be ascertained only after the assessments for 1951—52 are finally settled.

ഗ്രാൻറ അനുവദിക്കാത്ത ക്ലാസുകൾ

*൮൭൬. (൫൮) ശ്രീ. ടി. എം. സന്നല്ലൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

(എ) വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളിൽ ഫസ്റ്റ് ഫോറം മുതൽ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ക്ലാസുകളിൽ ഗ്രാൻറ അനുവദിക്കാത്ത ക്ലാസുകൾ ഉണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു കാരണമെന്ത്?

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